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RAJYA SABHA

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Provision for Deputation and Employment in Private Bodies

2488. SHRI RAHUL BAJAJ:

SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the provisions of service and conduct rules of All India Service Officers for their deputation and employment in private sector and world bodies while serving Government and after retirement; and

(b) the public interest that is served by service outside Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI):

(a) The All India Service Officers may be deputed for service under an international organisation by the Central Government in consultation with the State Government. The Indian Administrative Service and Indian Police Service Officers can also be deputed to a private body by the Central Government in consultation with the State Governments concerned. Retired All India Service officers cannot take up commercial employment before the expiry of two years from the date of retirement except with the approval of the Government. The conduct Rules of All India Service officers provide for obtaining prior approval of the Government for negotiating or undertaking any employment.

(b) The general principle of public interest is the overriding factor in deciding deputation of officers to private bodies and world bodies. Such deputation results in enrichment of experience for the officer and also contributes to mutual goodwill and understanding between India and foreign countries which is eventually in public interest.

Recommendations of Administrative Reforms Commission

†2489. SHRIMATI PREMACARIAPPA:

SHRIMOTILALVORA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received the recommendations of Administrative Reforms Commission;

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(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the recommendations accepted by Government out of them;

(d) by when a decision would be taken on the remaining recommendations and the reasons for the delay in this regard; and

(e) the Commission's recommendations in regard to Article 311 of the Constitution and official Secret Act and Government's viewpoint thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI):

(a) and (b) The Administrative Reforms Commission (ARC) has so far submitted three reports to the Government namely, (i) Right to Information-Master key to Good Governance, (ii) Unlocking Human Capital-Entitlement and Governance-a case study, and (iii) Crisis Management-From despair to Hope. While the first Report deals with effective implementation of the Right to Information Act, 2005, the second Report deals with the implementation of the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005. The third Report makes recommendations about effectively meeting crisis situations through systematic preparedness, early warning, quick response and recovery to protect people and structures from disasters and to increase the effectiveness of crisis response and recovery. All the three Reports have been put on the website of the Commission at <http://arc.gov.in> for general information.

(c) and (d) The three Reports have been sent to the concerned Ministries/Departments as per the subjects allotted to them in the Allocation of Business Rules for taking necessary action. It is not possible to fix any timeframe at this stage.

(e) The Commission has not made any recommendation with regard to Article 311 of the Constitution. As regards the reference to the Official Secrets Act, 1923, the Commission, in its Report on 'Right to Information-Master-key to Good Governance', has recommended that this Act be repealed, and substituted by a chapter in the National Security Act, containing provisions relating to Officials Secrets.